STANDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1873.

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Broth's Theatre Eiten Cgs.
Howery Theatre eitel ten Gest. Broadway Theatre-Dane Lan Bryant's Minsteels, Twenty third street,
Grand Opera House - Homety Dompte Abread.
Lee um Thentre - A Bellin's Chies Step
N w Fifth Avenue Thentre - Old Heads and Young Heads.

Siblo's Garden Colleges to the Word.
Otympic Theatre-The Markle Heart. Thentre Comique-linktered Sman. Teny Postor's Tre Oil Cabo Hone. Union Square Thentre-Let Astray. Wallack's Theatre Home Wood's Museum - Everybody's Friend Marines.

"The Constitution says that all trials shall to by jury, and the accused is entitled, not to be first convicted by a court and then to be acquitted by a jury, but to be convicted or acquitted in THE FIRST INSTANCE by a fary,"-Samuel Blatemond.

The regular daily circulation of The P. S. for the week ending Dec o was as follows: M m'ay 115,206 Thursday 119,658 Tursday 115,726 Friday 121,568 West and the control of the contr Total for the week ...

#### The New Legislature and the Era of Corruption.

fully average tany average week ending Dec. 7, 1872

Our new Legislature meets in about a month. We see signs of its approach in order to secure the Speakership of that body and remunerative places on its committees; while a cloud of candidates for the cierkships and minor offices of the two branches hover over our sixty-one counties.

We live in an era of corruption, when it behooves every State to take heed that its own garments are free from stains. When NEREMIAH superintended the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem he caused the work to be done by requiring each inhabitant of the sacred city to construct so byword among the nations.

conspiracies in the South.

very far. The first glaring outrage upon

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sometimes practised so openly and shame- | stituted one-half of it. lessly that it stimulated charges of corrupmittees, who, with part of the swag in their pockets, were sure to discover nothing, have tapped every rod of the one thoudiscontinuance of the actions by the plain-

tiffs without costs.

for treasure. In the high noon of these nfamies William M. Twend went to ties, he comprehended at a glance the money. broader field of operations at the State capital. He found the reputation of the enate and Assembly, and especially the former, at the lowest ebb, and each abounding in members eager to sell their votes and their honor to a Sachem of by ruling, taxing, and cheating the city under, joint commissions, Tween and his

com he aspired to be the chief. But the Legislature was Republican. and how could Tween expect to consummate his plot? For years a jobber in the

bills, he for four years demanded the votes | motto, "Your purse or your life!" right. He was compelled, however, to pay tory members of that party, while he eats costing him great amounts sometimes, because they had to see not only their souls but their politics.

Of course, in running so large and com-

plicated a machine during four or five sessions, Tween could not always pay cash in hand, and therefore part of the wages of one to light it is beyond question these sources were enormous. that a liberal percentage or the money which Tweep and his accomplices

Tweep did not originate corruption did not have predecessors at the capital | were going there to steat. much of the walls as stood over against | who far surpassed him in the arts of an | It does not blant the point of these facts his own house. And so it must be if we would succeed in the effort now going for- time by the wiles of diplomacy. He bought to assert that this was always so, that the Legislature has ever been corrupt, and so

reptions which deale every department of As Tween did not originate corruption sixty years ago the Legislature of New the public service and make its name a in the Legislature or in our municipal York was not corrupt. At long intervals For sixteen years past the Legislature of | did not cease to obband flow in either after | to the commencement of the present years New York has had an unenviable reputa- he left their halls. Two years and more period, some member of the Legislature tion for honesty and purity in every part | ago the exposures of the Tammany frauds | was now and then suspected of illicit pracof the Union. Indeed, throughout this foreshadowed the downfall of Tween and tices. During the administration of Gov. period its venality and jobbery have, in bis infamous Ring. In the following No- Mancy a couple of Senators were charged the judgment of the general public, had no | Vember a Senate and Assembly were elect- | with helping and hindering certain legislapeer in the country, asways excepting the el in the name of reform. But hardly had tion which tended to enhance the value of Legislature of Addition, Division, and the Legislature of 1872 got well into busi- the capital of an Albany bank, on the Silence, the two Houses of Congress, hess when it became apparent that it was understanding that they would be allowed and of late years the municipal Gov. scarcely more pure than any of its dozen to purchase and pay for a dozen shares of erament of this city and the carpet-bag or lifteen predecessors, and that though the stock at par! The whole State rose to tariff and to internal revenue. the great Tammany Sachem was not pres- its feet in indignation at the exposure ent to dispense his tens of thousands as in | The offenders were driven from the Senprevious sessions, the usual number of late: the Grand Juries of their counties learn Senators and Assemblymen were in the | hunted them to cover; the people smoth- | spired corruptly with Oakes Ames and to Senators and Assemblymen were in the housest legislation to which we will refer is the nine-million canal bill of 1851. Resist-elform the start by the Democratic and Assembly, and subsequently pronounced unconstitutional by the Court of Appeals, it was a fountian of corruption.

Senators and Assemblymen were in the market, but at greatly reduced prices, market, but at greatly reduced prices, market, but at greatly reduced prices, market, but at greatly reduced prices. There appeared in this so-called them to cover: the people smoths are determined to cover: the people smoths are determined to a people smoths are determined to the people smoths are determined to a people smoths are determined t whose main spring was the Whig party.

The next attempt to debauch the Legisla.

Not so much for lack of money—for they the was the consolidation of cight or ten great railway corporations into what has of Tweep, who had controlled all legislabeen since known as the New York Cen- tion relating to this city and pretty much gress, and in due time found his name on Amrs and Brooks, which was the first test, the proposed Constitution with such tral. The leaders of both parties joined in all for Brooklyn during four years, the the memorandum book of Cakes Amss. and by that means to save the others, unanimity that no cheating in the city of this enterprise, though its chief promoters | Legislature of 1872 in regard to the passage | Nay, had he been in the Senate during the | against whom special resolutions would | Philadelphia will avail. But if such is not | Twento regime, and no steady that no cheating in the city of | Philadelphia will avail. But if such is not | their sentiment from the community that no cheating in the city of | Philadelphia will avail. But if such is not | their sentiment from the city of | their sentiment from the city of | Philadelphia will avail. a glittering scheme, and paid well both in- | York and its neighbor over the river | er of the Fifteenth Amendment, he might | In the chair, on the floor, in conference a glittering scheme, and paid weil both inside and outside of the Legislature. In the chair, on the floor, in conference floor, in co the As. whose helmsman had been washed over- carried off one-eighth of the shares of the in his endeavers to defeat every form of ruin or a moral and political revolution

of that foul meat upon which so many of | The Senate of 1812 held over and so comors have grown fat and fend. | posed a part of the Legislature of this pres-In 1857 and 1858 the Republicans held entycar. Though the Head Centre of the possession of every branch of the State corruptionists had not dared to take the Government. This metropolis, being un- sent to which he had been elected in the der the control of the pro-slavery Demo- teeth of the familities of Seventy, his cracy, was a rock of offence to the anti- eight or ten tainted Senatorial vassals re- some legislators who flourished in the purer slavery Republicans. The latter devised a | appeared in the chamber whose walls are system of commissions for the rule of the adorned with the full length portrait of city, in which the Republicans were to the honest old warrior-statesman George have the lion's share. However pure the CLINTON. Though great changes had taken original idea may have been from which place in the membership of the Assembly, this series of commissions sprang, neverthal body exhibited numerous blotches of theless all through the administrations of the loathsome disease which used to break KING, MORGAN, SEYMOUR. FENTON, and out all over it in the heyday of Tweedism. HOFFMAN, they were slimy pools, in The consequence was that the legislation whose waters slippery R publicans and of last winter in respect to our city charscurvy Democrats were always angling ter was as infamous in many particulars for spoils. It is not too much to say that as that of 1870. In the latter year the heads in the long run, these commissions, with | of departments were not named in the their multitude of odies, fat salaries, charter. Their selection was left to the profligate expenditures, abundant facili- Mayor. In the present charter the heads of ties to plunder and below and lack of ac- | many of the most important departments | countability to the people for their deeds, were saved by the bill, or in other words, succeeded in ... or their deets, were legislated into office in pursuance of bargains of the old sort.

As an incident to this system of legisla- In illustrating the recent corrupt epoch tion, and contemporaneous with it, and ior of the Legislature we have selected our bave betrayed their trusts. a time running a sharp competition in the examples mainly from this city for the race of municipal rascality, was the legis- twofold reason that they are gigantic in the particular this fall. Republican manatation in relation to horse ralicoads. Year | their dimensions and decidy affect the in- | gers honored themselves by refusing to after year these acts of incorporation, so | teresis of the people of the metropolis. sure to become sources of wealth to their But it would be a great error to suppose promoters and owners, were carried that profligate legislation for New York ough the Legislature, and so far as need | city has furnished all the garbage upon be through the Common Council, by which the Senate and Assembly have fed belibery on a manificent scale. This was | for the last fifteen years. It has not con-

For a long time there have been in the tion which were sent to investigating com- Legislature and the lobby a set of greedy leeches known as the Canal Ring. They and libel suits whose end usually was a sand miles of our noble water channels, causing an enormous proportion of their income to annually drip, drip, drip into ments emit the effluvia of venality. It was by these legislative devices that | the "pool" owned in common by the the richest city in the Western Herrisphere | Ring. Composed of leaders of both parwas turned into a placer where unscrupu- | ties, this Ring has been one of the most lous politicians of both parties could dig plausible, active, rascally, successful combinations for plundering under color of law and departmental regulations Albany as a Senator. Trained in the chi- which ever existed in New York. It has canery and corruption of our local poli- robbed the State of many millions of

Then the controversies and rivalries of the past dozen years between great railways have furnished golden harvests to unscrupulous Senators and Assemblymen, and their partners and pals of the lobby Though it has been found extremely diffi-Tammany Hall or a President of the Union | cult to arrive at the facts by means of inves- | Indeed, not a little of the venal impress League. Long the prey of Republican | tigating committees which whitewash those vultures and a few Democratic jackals | who will pay, and blackball those who will who had conspired together and waxed fat | not, it has nevertheless been satisfactorily shown that railway corporations have in single sessions expended a quarter and Democratic allies resolved to wrench it out | a half million of dollars in eash to influof their hands and bind it neck and heels | ence legislation in Albany, not to speak of and east it into another den of robbers, to such paltry gifts as shares of watered

Besides these occasional outbursts of minor venalities of the city, he saw that he course of regular blackmailing of all bills, man whose spotless character and peerless | much more than had been revealed. He must buy his way to success in the Legisla- whether of a public or private nature, and eloquence would inspire as 'much terror therefore strove to save them and to stop

pretty large sums now and then to refrae- thrived; if it refused to pay, it fell and day, would fill the chamber, recelo in the tions rested for a time on promises, and in annual receipts which the ravenous profitthe end some of the little seamps were left | gates who occupied the chairs and througed out in the cold. From facts which have the purlieus of the Capitol obtained from

But why go into faction detail? For fifteen years and upward the Legislature of oblied through the old Board of Super- New York, in the judgment of an impartial visors, as well as of that pile of false and | people, has stood with only a single peerfraudulent bills subsequently passed under | we mean of course the Legislature of the olor of the Board of Audit, was used in State of Addition, Division, and Silenceoribing existing Legislatures and settling among the Legislatures of the North and old bribery scores. And so it happened | West in the colossal dimensions of its corthat the plastering of Garvey spread itself | ruption. So infamous has been its general all over the State, the plumbing of character that membership in it has sub-KEYSER ran through tiers of counties | jected honest men to the most cruel suswhere Democratic majorities had been picions; for in the public estimation every ong unknown, while the awnings of SMITH | person who consented to go to the Senate beat back the rays of the summer sunfrom or the Assembly was prima facic a rogue, the country seats of many Republican and would be regarded as having gone to the running and writing of members of Senators, and the chairs of Ingenson, and Albany to steal, rather than to legislate the Assembly to all parts of the State in the carpets of BOLLAR adorned the rural for \$3 per day, until he had proved the Conventions and at the recent elections, in homesteads of scores of Assemblymen who | contrary by his acts. And this rule is not were sound to the core on the Fifteenth | yet vacated. It may be as unjust as it is severe. Nevertheless an oft-betrayed people, as they saw certain candidates recently either in the State Capitol or the City Hall. | running around their districts and coun-He did not even organize it in the one or | ties and spending thousands of dollars to the other. He found it in each when he get into the Legislature, seriously doubted entered, and in good running order. By whether all of them contemplated living dared to confer the highest honors upon his boldness and courseness he merely car- four or five months in the expensive city ried it to an unprecedented pitch. Indeed, of Albany on the paltry pittance of \$300. while he doubtless never had a peer in this | Judging harshly, perhaps, they thought it | report made by their own political friends. city, we are not quite so certain that he not improbable that at least some of them

ward to cleause our country of the cor- them with the vulgarity of a horse jockey. | cn. This is not true. Twenty, forty, and k, built a new house with the proceeds. in the character of the members. Probably | from the least appearance of favoritism. e oaken arches of Westminster Hall ring 'My God, sir," said Hastings to his lead- to have in view. ounsel, "when I remember my opportunities in India, I am amazed at my absti-

> nence! evil in our Legislature? The first and it is; lost effective remedy is to expose if, giving the names of the offenders and the particulars of their malfeasances. The next is to punish the culprits by pains and pendties, if these can be enforced, and cortainly by refusing to redlect members who

Somerning was accomplished in this latrenominate Senators Wood and Bowen, while a portion of the Republican masses struck telling blows in refusing to reflect LEWIS, WINSLOW, and BAKER, and by reducing Woodin's majority almost to zero, after the leaders of the party had covered themselves with disgrace by allowing these tools of Tweed to be renominated. And now let the Republicans in the Assembly see to it that they do not elevate to a chair which has been filled by such honored men as Livingston and Spencer, BRADISH and SEYMOUR, one whose gar-

At the recent election the Democracy did something toward purifying the Legis lature, though for a party out of power and so sonorous in its professions it did extremely little. It won no credit by returning Jarvis Lord to the Senate; it sent thither from New York and Brooklyn some men whose reputations would not be mproved by rough handling; while the long list of mere scrubs whom it selected to represent our two great cities makes one almost despair of attempts to elevate the

character of the Legislature. The Governor of the State can alway exert great influence over the Legislature. that not every one of the Governors for the last eighteen years has been above sus-Fortunately New York now has a Chief Magistrate in whose integrity the people have confidence. If in the coming session Gov. Dax shall prove to be as courageous as he is sagacious he can put a hook composed exclusively of Democrats, of stock, perpetual deadhead tickets, and in the nose of the leviathan of legislative

If it were within the scope even of their good fortune, there has been practised in dreams, how the people might long for the would be likely to pull down the pillars of the Legislature during this venal epoch a appearance in the Assembly chamber of a must buy his way to success in the Legislathis Republican pear was rotten whether of a public or private nature, and whether of a public or private natu

ripe, and he and his confederates plucked promoters or beneficiaries would stand the ture as William Pitt inspired among the management at that time, but though he With hands full of charters, tax pressure. In respect to this class of busi- minions of Walfold when the young levies, water improvements, paving ness the legislator and the lebbyist have tribune of England first entered Parliaschemes, Boards of Augit, and other local | been wont to act upon the highwayman's | ment. It is told by his biographers that | stituencies, who put their black mark upon These | the majestle voice of the great commoner. of the Democrats in the Legislature as his so-called "strikers" have lifted the hand. as he exposed and denounced the profligate | sold his vote. If the mensure paid toll, it lived and ministers and corrupt legislators of his never again rese to its feet. Pretty much | House of Peers, reverberate along the inbought Republican Senators and Assem- everything was embraced in this fell tervening corridors, and when swelled to through in sufficient numbers to carry through in sufficient numbers to carry through in solans, this latter class of rascals costing him great amounts sometimes. possible, impossible, and absurd; acts to in a distant wing of the building. It is retap pends, to bridge creeks, to lay out race | freshing even to imagine the presence of ourses, to fence in graveyards, to author- such a member at Albany, with the Roman sitting as the foremost legislators in Con- trade; and it is a common remark there that ze gift lotteries, to erect asylums, to bam- nose, eagle eye, trumpet voice, and lofty, zie workingmen, to protect widows, to | courageons soul of Pitt, seathing with his cheat orphans, and so on to the end of the impassioned oratory day to des through chapter of measures good, bad, and in- a long winter the sourcy scoundrels who corruption were liquidated by offices, por- different. All these had to pay; and the have turned the Capitol of the foremost State of the Union into a den of thieves.

Credit Mobilier again Triumphant. The worst fears have been justified. In rganizing the new House of Representatives Mr. Spenker Blaing has wilfully dehed public opinion, justified all the mishis adversaries had failed to achieve, in | by it. giving a death, blow to all hopes of any future distinction. As OAKES AMES said, in speaking of his purchased confederates, Mr. BLAINE has gone with "the rest of them" where he belongs.

No subject over called out a more general sentiment of reprobation than the corruption exposed in the last Congress. Both parties vied with each other in their condemning that iniquity and in branding with infamy every name connected with it. There was no exception or qualification in the popular verdict.

Yet with this expression fresh in memory, and with every individual case familiar to the public, Mr. BLAINE has men who stand convicted of gross venality. perjury and fraud, even in the partisan

HENRY L. DAWES is once more made the lender of the House and intrusted with the most responsible legislation, as Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means.

JAMES A. GARFIELD holds the purse trings of the Treasury again, and rejoices in the control of three hundred and twenty-five millions of annual supplies, as convention immediately represents the government, so the tide of venality from the times of the first CLINTON down | Chairman of the Committee on Appro-

GLENNI W. Scoffeld is placed at the head of the Naval Affairs, with charge of the mmense expenditures that are annually squandered by collusion between this committee and the department.

WILLIAM D. KELLEY stands second on the Ways and Means, which is among the best positions in the House, and influential in shaping all measures relating to the

These four leaders were proven distinctgs of the investigation, to have con-

ent for the guilty and ultimately set up for Governor of the His interference was open and obtrusive, State. We repeat—it is not true that the and provoked the strongest suspicions as Legislature has always been as correct as it | to the motive of that extraordinary conhas been of late years. This, however, thay | duck on the part of one whose first duty be due as much to a change in the time as a spreshing officer was to have abstained

Mr. BLAINE was artful enough to move era of CLINTON and WRIGHT, and are yet | the original inquiry, and thus to get posspared to us, may, as they look backward | session of the movement in advance of a to the days when they sat in the Capitol, | much broader and deeper investigation, give expression to their feelings in the | which he well knew would be proposed. language of Warren Hastings on his im- This gave him the double advantage of peachment trial while Burke was making | seeming to oppose corruption on his own side, and of so framing the resolution as to th denunciations of the robber of India. | thwart the very object which he professed

The resolution tells its own story very plainly now, when it can be calmly considered in every bearing and the hidden intention may be easily penetrated. Here

centures be appointed by the Speaker pro ten-ore, whose duty it shall be to investigate eacher any member of this House was bribed by the AMIS or any other person of corpora in any matter touching his legislat

Lie. Draine knew very well that the general charges were corruption and collusion between the incriminated parties, by which legislation was procured and the Treasury plundered. While this was moral bribery, a technical charge of bribery as a criminal offence might not be sustained, because the transactions had been so managed as to avoid an indictment in the case of exposure.

The committee sought to excuse their treachery under the strict language of the resolution, which confined the range of inquiry to the point "whether any member of this House was bribed by Oakes Ames, or any other person or corporation.' There is no doubt now that all this was carefully preconcerted, with the rest of the details that followed. It was not the Speaker's fault that the doors were opened and some of the barriers broken down.

It is true that Mr. BLAINE was not directly complicated with the Credit Mobilier, but between his sworn statement on that subject and the testimony of Mr AMES there is a marked discrepancy which the committee purposely failed to observe or to pursue. That he was included in the original plan there is no doubt, and that he declined the interest set apart for him is probable, only because the inducement was not sufficiently tempting. He is not much troubled with scruples. But it came out collaterally that he did hold a large interest in the Sioux City Railroad, another borne by the Legislature is due to the fact | of Oakes Ames's legislative jobs, and it is also well known that he was concerned in other schemes not more creditable than Credit Mobilior. Mr. BLAINE has grown immensely rich since he went to Congress

poor ten years ago. It is not difficult to discover in these sughave been so anxious to arrest any severe bilier corruptionists, who, if they fell, the whole concern and expose to view

was able to control the House in condoning these crimes, he could not reach the conevery member who betrayed his trust and

In the face of that judgment he has had the hardihood to award the distinctions due to the purest integrity and the highest merit to men who combined like Tweed and INGERSOLL to plunder the people, and who if they had their deserts would now be sharing with those worthies the deserved doom of a penitentiary, instead of

Even if there had been nothing more than suspicion resting upon these persons, rapt. that should have been a sufficient ground for their excussion from trusts which de-mand unspotted character and honor as the first conditions of their possession

If no misgiving had tainted the previous reputation of Mr. BLAINE, his voluntary endorsement of Credit Mobilier and the prostitution of his position to this base use would be sufficient to condemn him and trust that his former conduct had excited, | to fix his place among the venal erew who country. He has done for himself what | chosen his company and will be known

The Republican House of Representatives is thus audaciously organized, with the chiefs of Credit Mobilier at the head of the greatest committees. All shame has tended to every form of corruption. Such | tient. is the commencement of the Forty-third Congress. Its end may be easily forescen.

#### No Honest Election in Philadelphia.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has decided that the Constitutional Convention has no power to direct how the election shall be held by which the people shall determine whether they will accept or reject the new Constitution; but that this election must take place, so far as the city of Philadelphia is concerned, under the registry law enacted by the Legislature, and that it must be managed by the rascally officials skilled in ballot stuffing and false counting whom that law has kept in power.

This decision is in the teeth of the longestablished and received doctrine respecting the power of a constitutional convention. That power is universally held to be superior to that of the legislature. The people in their sovereign capacity; and if it chooses it has the right, instead of submitting its work to the verdict of an election, to put it directly in force without regard to the existing legislature or courts. This doctrine, however, the Supreme Court of the State now attempts to overthrow; and this is done in the interest of the most villainous set of public plunderers yet discovered in this country.

The first result of this proceeding is that in Philadelphia the election returns will be just what these rascals dictate; and ly and positively, in spite of all the short- they will east against the Constitution the largest majority that a prudent regard for their own safety will allow them to conearnest in the matter, and if they really

#### The Chief Justiceship-Who Will Sit Down to the Cold Victuals?

We take it that the nomination of GEORGE H. WILLIAMS to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court will be rejected. There is no knowing, to be sure, to what base uses the Senate of the United States may come at last: but we hardly think the confirmation of Williams will be one of them.

If WILLIAMS is rejected, the very interesting question which next arises is, Who then will be nominated? followed by the further query, Who then will accept the place?

It has lost much of its lustre and attraction by the circumstance that such a man has thus been named for it by the President.

Who will accept the invitation on being asked after WILLIAMS?

It does not follow that because WILLIAMS himself has been content to take up with

what others have left, everybody else will BENJAMIN R. CURTIS would undoubtedly

be the most suitable man; but we apprehend he would decline.

We should be unwilling now to see WIL-LIAM M. EVARTS-considering that he was an original stockholder of THE SUN-step into the shoes which had been offered to WILLIAMS.

Very possibly Judge Swayne may be the man. Being already on the bench, he may be quite willing to become Chief Justice, overlooking the fact that such an unlit nomination had been previously made. The great lobby campaign in Washing-

ton is now to be opened. It is a big thing. Never did an army take the field against the Treasury so well provided with engineers, staff officers, horse, foot, dragoons, artillery, paymasters, and commissary wagons. Lieut.-Gen. Thomas A. Scott is the commander-in-chief. No handsomer soldier ever bestrode a charger. Mr. CHARLES A. ELDRIDGE, who mis-

represents the Fourth Congress District of Wisonsin, does not appear to be content with his bad eminence as a notorious member of the Washington Ring, as a general jobber, or as a back-pay grabber who glories in the shame of all these and other corruptions. He seems to seek new fields for the exhibition of a character which has long since ceased to claim the slight-

When members were offering bills to repeal the salary act on Thursday last, Mr. ELDHIDGE attempted to rebuke their efforts by an insulting sneer which should have subjected him to a stern reprimand. The Congressional record makes the following report:

<sup>6</sup> Mr. Elbhidok introduced a bill (H. R. No. 18) providing for the payment to their constituents by members of Contrees of which yer solary may v aw use provided for them, as a consideration for their votes.

The constituents to whom this gross affront gestions a reason why Mr. Blaine should was gratuitously offered will doubtless take care to resent it in a proper way. It is well judgment by the House on the Credit Mo- | known that Mr. Eldrings could not have been reclected to the present Congress but for a bar gain made with the Republican managers, who knew the terms upon which they could always have his vote and services, just as TWEED kept a stack of Republicans in the Legislature for sim-

and will probably subside into a GRANT officeholder at the end of his term, or become one of Boss Shepherd's employees, as his son now is. at Washington, after having first graduated at COOKE's broken bank.

The young ladies of Wheaton Seminary have made a move in the right direction, by re solving hereafter to "keep themselves informed on business matters, and abstain from unnecessary expenditures." What a world of trouble might be saved if women were let into the business secrets of their fathers and husbands, and in some way held responsible for expenses. They understand this in Holland, Dutch wives often taking the most active share in their husbands when women have the direction of the purse and trade their husbands seldom become bank

Are the immense preparations for war now making in the pavy yards and in private shipbuilding establishments to be taken as e: dence that the Administration expect war, or are they merely jobs put up by the easygoing and chandering Secretary for the purposes of public imposture and private enrichment?

If we should have war with spain, it would soon become absolutely necessary to turn out the present corrupt and incompetent and forfeited the confidence of the have bought and sold legislation. He has Secretary of the Navy and put an honest and energetic man in his place. In time of poace the people, influenced as a majority of them are by regard for their party, may put up with plundering the Treasury of a few hundred thousand dollars now and then; but when it comes to the Immense undertakings and the enormous expenditures of a war, patriotism will get the bet been discarded and an open invitation ex- ter of partisanship, and they will not be so pa-

> GEORGE H. WILLIAMS was Judge of the First District Court of Iowa from 1847 to 1853. six years. The Albany Law Journal states that during this period nearly one-half of his decisions were reversed by the Supreme Court of the State.

#### THE ALBANY LAW JOURNAL ON NOAH DAVIS.

What Judges Say of the Albany Law Journal,

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I consider it a work necessary to the safety of every practising lawyer. The abstracts of current decisions, the discussions of novel or doubtful leading questions, the criticisms of reports and reporters, and the brevities of wit and wisedom in its pages are of deepest interest to every lawyer it to be a lawyer.

From Mr. Justice Hopeboom, N. Y. Supreme Court.
On the whole, I regard your journal as constituting a valuable as well as agreeable addition to the best of legional and anteresting to be consulted by those who desire to keep up with the current decisions of the courts as well as with the leading subjects of legal decisions. It is always a welcome visitor.

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It is invaluable to the bar as well as the bench. Its elitorishs are a ritten with ability; its reviews fair and andid; its contributors generally exhibit great recarch and ability, and the rich and genial spirit manifest in its selections make it the treat of the hour of its erusal.

### What the Albany Law Journal Says of Noah

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The punishment of Tweed's counsel for contempt of Court on Saturday week was an extraordinary proceeding. At the commencement of the recent trial of Mr. Tweed, his counsel handed up to Judge Davis a paper suggesting that by reason of partiality or prejudice he cought not to sit as Judge upon the trial of the case. At the close of the trial the counsel signing this paper—Mesers. Fullerton, Graham, W. O. Bartlett, Eihu Root, W. Bartlett, and W. Edeisten—were ordered to appear in Court on Saturday last. On that day Mr. Fullerton, in his own and his associates' behalf, read an elaborate defence, disclaming anv intent of disrespect to either the Judge or the Court, or intent to intimidate the Judge or to drive him from the bench, and insisting that, in view of the explanations given they had done nothing unbecoming their duties as counsel or disrespectful to the Court. Judge Davis thereupon remarked that if the paper had been handed to him privately or out of court, it would have dropped silently into oblivion, but having been presented in court, and after the case had been called, he regarded it as an effort to induce the Judge to leave the bench, to surronder the position in which he was sitting, and to intimidate the Court from the performance of its duty. The Judge declared that he was actuated, not by personal feelings, but by a conviction of solemn duty toward the bar, toward the Court, and above all toward the administration of justice, and after commenting at some length upon the proper limits of a counsel's duty, he imposed a and after commenting at some length upon the proper limits of a counsel's duty, he imposed a line of \$2.50 each on Messrs. Fullerton, Graham, and W. O. Bartlett, and a lecture upon the others—the junior counsel. Upon the merits of this affair it is not necessary to comment. One this affair it is not necessary to comment. One thing is tolerably clear, however, that if it is essential to the due administration of justice that Judges should be impartial, unprejudiced, Judge Davis ought not to have presided at the second trial of Tweed; for he had already said demanding of the Budalo people are exceedingly compiliated, and the curios demanding of the Budalo people are exceeded.

The nomination of Attorney-General Williams to be Casef Justice continues an exciting theme in all circles, and the more it has been discussed the more the main has grown, until now the stories engenting Williams to private affairs that fill the air are stoply disgraceful and suffering. The section of the charte upon the nomination is regarded as very doubtful.

## Another View of Williams.

Intense feeling has been excited at Madison. Whs. over the appointment of Attorneysteneral Williams as Chief Justice of the supreme ourt. Not to par too fine a point upon it, it is charged that Mr. Williams as Creives \$0.03 for his opinion in favor of the Wisconsin Central Railroad land claim (which seems incredible), and that in other matters relating to that St. te his conduct has given rise to the gravest suspectors. We are informed that Gov. Washourn strongly denounces the appointment as an outrage.

## Virtue of no Account.

From the Weltshore' Democrat.

President Grant has proved by his appointthe worst of men have seemed his favorites. Queens Elizabeth and Esther and Pecahoutas

in the Church of the Disciples. The most beautiful ladies and the most stalwart gentlemen of the Kev. Mr. Hepworth's church will display themselves to the public in tableaux this evening, for the benefit of the Sabbath School, in th Church of the Disciples, Madison avenue and Fort, fifth street. Esquire Lovejoy, one of the counsel for

the proponent in the Harlem will case, will be seen prostrate on the floor in the supposed character of prostrate on the floor in the supposed character of Capt. John Smith, while Powhatan will stand over him with a club and one of the levelect young ladies of the church personales. Pocalontas, and several other currch members stand around as Indians.

Mrs. Ranney, wile of the ex-decourt, will appear as Queen Enzabeth spring the death warrant of Lady Jane Grey. Fifty young ladies will appear in one tableau, and forty in another, from the "Midsummer Night's breath." The Rev. Mr. Herworth will road the appropriate selection from the Bible in connection win the labbeau of Queen Esther pleading for her respectively and the supposed of Schumann and List, and there this loss of Schumann and List, and there the songs and ducts besides the detect the Christian Fig. 1 on the Court of Common Piece, and Sigourney W. Fay.

# Truth Briefly Stated.

It is not given to all editors to be Deacon dehard smiths. Neither are all editors tried with wicked partners as he is.

Thus peculiar graces are balanced with special afflictions. Deacon Richard Smith was evidently born to a lofty destiny.

## An Indignant Protest-Pritchard Rebuked.

to the Editor of The Sun. Sin: I am a friend to you and your paper, and have induced a large number to subscribe, but I must be candid with you and say, when I see you publishing such extracts as the one taken from the New York Times in your semi-weekly of Nov. 28, in relation to the capture of Jeff. Davis, I am disgusted, all of which is write to Gen. Pritchard and tell him I say so. Hoping never to see just such a publication in The

JESSE C. JACOCKS, formerly Colonel C. S. A. HARTFORD, N. C., Dec. 8, 1873.

## One Thousand Boys,

On Friday afternoon an advertisement was sent to The Sen from the Olympic Theatre, headed to loys wanted, aged from eight to fourteen years. The advertisement was ordered to be printed six consecutive days. On Saturday afternoon a request cause, 'Take out the advertisement forthwith. Over the loys applied to-day."

### SUNBEAMS.

-Mrs. Partington rises every morning av the shrill call of the chandeller.

-What are the only institutions which run on time in these days? Alms houses -Arizona is improving. A man has been indicted for flourishing a deadly weapon.

-Mr. Beecher says he "admires a flute in the unskilled hands of a learner, ospecially if far

-It was a mere typographical error

which made us say on Friday that Judge Davies presided in the Stokes trial and the Tweed trial. -A vagabond Jew applied for alms to a I known Rabbi, threatening to turn Christian if the doctor didn't help him. "Very well," said the doctor, "go and turn a good Christian and I shall be satisded, for you have certainly made a very bad Jew."

-The Treasurer of West Virginia indig. Bantly denies that the State is bankrupt. The \$1.50 borrowed from Senator Bishop has not yet been expended. This will be gratifying news to about our hundred and fifty State officeholders, who are wanted to be paid their annual salaries.

-The new Lord Mayor of London is a Scotchman, who, his admirers delight in saying, has risen from nothing. Mr. Gladatone duos him a "public economist." Not ornamental like his predecessor, the shrewd, plodding, plucky old Scotchman will surely be appreciated, for where there is work to do he will -The Royal Society of England for the Prevention of Cenelty to Animals has offered a or minm of \$500 gold for a new cattle truck, the same for altera-

as he shall have induced a railway company to build and use fifty of his improved trucks. -An enraged traveller writing home from the far West says: "Descending to the barroom, I took my turn at a tin wash pasin with a cake of yellow soap, and dried myself on a musty towel hung on a broom. A bootjack and a lean dog lis in the middle of the floor, the chairs long ago ceased to be quadrupels, discomfort is king, and dirt is prime minister."

tion of or addition to cattle trucks already in use, and an additional \$500 in gold to each prize holder as soon

-It would seem heartless to wish an old spinster of ninety-eight, and a Shaker at that, back again when she had once "shuffled off her mortal coil," but it was really provoking that Miss Lucy Land a Nowell, who was born on the memorable 4th of July, 1776, could not have held on to visit the centennary at Philadelphia, instead of departing this life at Alfred,

-Mr. St. Andrew, editor of the Southside Virginium, reports that there is a steady increase in Northern immigration to Southside Virginia. Within a moderate radius of Chase City, in Mecklenburg county, apward of five hundred farmers from the North and West have located, and appear well satisfied. Casse City was established by an Ohlo colony, and named after the late Chief Justice Chase.

-Under the law of Georgia, persons practicing medicine or surgery without a license from the Board of Physicians of that State, composed entirely of the Allopathic school, cannot collect their bills by law, and are subject to a fine of \$800 for the first offence, and for the second off nee not more than two months' imprisonment. Strangely enough, one half of the fine inures to the educational fund.

bilierites of the Forty-third Congress will find it hard to get any bones, might learn something from the colred orator who was holding forth the other day in Woodville, Miss. He said: "Do you see dem geesel Now de white folks say times so hard dat nizgers and all gwine to starve, but you believe dat? Who's gwine starve when plenty of dem sort of tings rannin' -The Boston Journal amuses itself with

the nicknames of our churches. Dr. Tyng's new church is the Church of the Holy Oil Cloth; Hapworth's is the Hippodrome: Dr. Storrs's, from its steeple, is known as the Corn Cob; Dr. Bellowa's as the Church of the Holy Zebra, and we have also heard it called the "Church of the Infinite Beef Steak;" while a Baptist church is and Mr. Powers's the Church of the Holy Tartle.

-The last census returns show more trades and professions among women than any one suppected. Besides women farmers there are 45 female stock herders, 5 barbers, 24 dentists, 2 hostlers, 3 prof. fessional hunters and trappers, 5 lawyers, 5.5 physicians, 97 elergywo nen, 7 sextons, 10 canil women, 105 dray women, 1 pllot, 4 gas stokers, 33 guusmith., 7 gun and teachers of navigation. Besides these are the great

-A curious occurrence agitates society married her own widowed son in-law of thirty-five, the dying left to her bereaved partner two entities. O these children the grandmother has now beestepmother, while their father, marrying his is law, becomes the stepfather of his own est-

second trial of Tweed; for he had already said on his charge to the jury on the first trial; "Aithough you may be able to see, as I hope you are, that I have but one opinion of these transactions myself individually, vet you are not to be governed by that opinion. That opinion is not to be controlling upon you. If you think these things are just and fair, it is of no consequence that I think otherwise." We have yet to learn that it is any part of a Judge's duty, or even proper for a Judge, to inform a jury of his opinions on questions of fact, even with the modification that they are not to be governed by such opinions.

The Scandalous Nomination for Chief Justice.

Washington Correspondence of the Cincinnati Commercial.

The nomination of Atterney-General Williams.

The Richmond Petty Sessions in

-At the Richmond Petty Sessions in England the other day, a boy named Penfold, agri 13, was convicted of stealing 5s. from his employ r. He was an itenced to receive six strokes with a birch rod. be punishment to be then and there admiinspector M Laren informed the magistrates that there was no fand out of which to provide the birch, without sending the culprit to Wandsworth. If he were to enter in his accounts "Birch, 61," it would be disallowed by the Commissioner of Police. The Chairman, Mr. E. H. Leyjester Penrhyn, replied that as there appears 2 to be no fund for the purpose in Richmond, the magistrates would pay for it out of their own posters. The birch was accordingly purchased, and in the afternoon

the boy received his prescribed punishment.
-Mr. Charles Jones, of Chirksville, Ark., gives an interesting account of the late trunches in that town. On Theselay, Nov. 22, the prisoners in the jail overpowered the guard, took possession of the arms, and defied haw and order critizens to expure the building. They had full sweep of the streets from the upper comas Paine fatally, besides shooting Woolum, icholson, and one or two others. When Woolum held ip a white handkerchief, the criminals fired upon b ad ran up a black dag, shouting that they did not ex eet and would not give quarter. citizens succeeded in placing six kegs of powder he aeath the walls of the jail, and laying a train to a concenient distance, with the intention of blowing up the milding if the prisoners refused to surrender. The ba-

Uncle Sam Grant' grant Uncle Sam
An explanation:
Are we quite played out? Are our claws so partd.

That negotiation Must mean degradation?

Could abase,
Now, to our face,
We see bailed down for Spain to spit on. Is Columbia's eagle just the bird to loll With draggled wing upon a protocol? Uncle Sain Grant! get out of that;

The nation says N We can't forget-come, that is pat-Say they were wrong, these men of ours.

Who sailed away
Toward this isle of Spain's, groaning in chains: Striving in fight for freedom and light liad they fair play?

Torn from our dag was that patriot hand Untried they were shot. And our cheeks are yet hot With the cuff from Spain's band. The powder that burned by the slaughter house wal

Uncle Sain Grant, no mere sylute pud -The nation save No-Will cleanse our flag enough From Santiago

Had a murderous hiss with its murder

Not to bully the weak but to punish a crime. We ask deeds and not smoke;

Reparation not joke.

Just get what we want

We can if you and.

Be rid of red tape, its modes, and its modes.

If diplomacy's kinet be so conducting an one Just give it a sush with your swend still Uncle Sain Grants our Cone Joseph of the

Right the wrong